

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-95

### **Creating a broadband working group to review broadband projects and consider funding options to expand broadband infrastructure**

#### Executive Summary

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has been authorized to certify communities as being “broadband ready” by issuing a Broadband Forward! Certification that signals a local unit of government has taken steps to reduce obstacles to broadband infrastructure investment. On December 11, 2018, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors enacted a Broadband Forward! Community Model Ordinance for the purpose of expanding broadband access and usage in underserved areas of Jefferson County. The Executive Committee determined that creating a broadband working group would facilitate expanding broadband access and usage in underserved areas of Jefferson County. This Broadband Working Group will consist of 5 to 7 members appointed by the County Board Chair as follows: One member from the Finance Committee, one member from the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium; one member from the Planning and Zoning Committee; and one member from the Executive Committee, with the remaining members selected at the discretion of the County Board Chair. The Executive Committee considered this resolution at its February 27, 2019 meeting and recommended forwarding to the County Board for approval.

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WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, On December 11, 2018, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors enacted a Broadband Forward! Community Model Ordinance for the purpose of expanding broadband access and usage in underserved areas of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee determined that creating a broadband working group would facilitate expanding broadband access and usage in underserved areas of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Working Group will consist of 5 to 7 members appointed by the County Board Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a broadband working group to review broadband projects and consider funding options to expand broadband infrastructure is hereby created with membership as follows: One member from the Executive Committee, one member from the Finance Committee; one member from the Planning and Zoning Committee; one member from the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium and the remaining members selected at the discretion of the County Board Chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadband Working Group will dissolve at the end of the **2018-2020 County Board term**.

*Fiscal Note: Working Group members will be paid a per diem for meeting attendance in accordance with County policy.*

Ayes 28 Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 2 Vacant 0

Referred By:  
Executive Committee

3-12-19

REVIEWED: Administrator bw; Corporation. Counsel bjw; Finance Director md.